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Q1 | What is Islam, Describe its salient features.

Introduction:-

The Deem Islam revealed upon Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H). Some people thought that Islam is a religion. This answer will highlight what does Islam mean and its distinct features those makes it different from ~~da~~ other religion.

1) "Islam"

→ Dictionary Meaning:-

The dictionary meaning of Islam means "to surrender, to submission to God". Furthermore, SLM means peace. Most importantly, Allah used the word Islam first time in Holy Quran.

→ Conventional Meaning:-

In addition to this, the deem Islam has conventional meaning as well which means "Submission to Allah and obey him."

→ Prophet's View:-

Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) stated his the meaning of the Islam is that "Witnessing Allah and his prophet (P.B.U.H). Secondly,

he stated Praying five pillars is also Islam.

Furthermore, few scholars also gave their views regarding Islam.

→ "Dr. Hammedullah":

He stated that Islam is a "Monotheist Deen revealed upon prophet (P.B.U.H)."

→ "Imam Ghazali's view":

He said that Islam is a "Combination of Allah's rights and human's right".

→ "Universal Deen":

Islam is a universal deen because it is a complete code of life. Moreover, it is not revealed for specific period of time. Furthermore, it is not confined for a specific geography. Most importantly, it is the guidance for every human kind.

→ "Source of Law":

Islam has the three main source of law which are: Quran, Sunnah, and Ijma. Moreover, Quran is the primary source of law and it revealed upon prophet (P.B.U.H). Allah takes the responsibility of Quran

himself. Secondly, the second source of law in Islam is Sunnah which means whatever prophet (P.B.U.H) said and did in his life is the secondary source of law in Islam.

Lastly, the Ijma which means when there is no clear cut guidance in Quran and Sunnah then Muslim scholars sit together and consensus on a particular issue.

2) Salient Features of Islam:-

The Deem Islam has its own unique features which makes it different from other religions in the world which are:

1) The Greatest Concept of Tauheed:-

The prophet (P.B.U.H) stated that it is the first part of Kalma. Furthermore, the believing on worship, faiths, spiritual, financial system, social system, and justice are also part of it. In addition to this, the writer of Seerat nabi "Shibli Nomani" stated that:-

"The tauheed is the first part of Islamic syllabus".

Further he said that:-

"Islam is a fort and the gate of that fort is a tauheed".

2) 'Prophethood':-

The prophethood is the second part of Kalma. Most importantly, Allah Almighty stated in Holy Quran and the explanation of that verse is "Prophet is not son of anyone, he is the final prophet of Allah". In addition to this, the life of prophet (P.B.U.H) is the Sunnah for every Muslim. The prophet (P.B.U.H) said that "Seeking Education is an obligatory on every Muslim". Furthermore, he is also a ruler and Allah said in Surah Najm and the explanation of that verses is "Prophet did not order himself, whatever he orders, he gets from Allah". Additionally, Allah stated in Holy Quran ~~the~~ and the explanation of that verses is "Prophet is the perfect and he is the role model for everyone".

3) "Dignity of Mankind":-

Allah Almighty sent humans as a vice-governor on earth. Furthermore, Allah stated in Holy Quran ~~the~~ and the explanation of that verses is "the creation of human is the best among the best" which means superior to all creations. Most importantly, which means humans are superior, both men and women have the same respect, both Muslim and Non-Muslim have the same respect and in Adam's family everyone has the same respect without discrimination.

u) "Complete Code of life" :-

Furthermore, Islam is a complete code of life. It teaches humans regarding individual life and collective life. In collective life it covers man's relation with God, his rights, obligation, and duty towards neighbors. In addition to this, Islam also teaches upbringing of children and family life as well. Most importantly, teaches the way of livelihood as well. Not only these rights, but also teach regarding financial, social, regional and global affairs as well.

5) "Emphasized Humanity" :-

Islam not only covers every aspect of life, but also teach humanity. Allah Almighty stated in Holy Quran and the explanation of that verses is "anyone who saves one life, save humanity". Furthermore, Prophet (P.B.U.H) stated that "the best among the believers are those who best in character". In addition to this, Allah Almighty stated in Surah Bqrah and the explanation that verses is "the best among you who spends his wealth rather than save it".

Additionally, humanity can be promoted through Zakat, Islam's first caliph stated that Zakat can be collected by force, but it cannot be spent on Masjid, Muhammad and Alla-e-Muhammad.

Furthermore, Professor Wasiullah Muhammad Abbas stated "Social Service is the best part of Islam".

The prophet (P.B.U.H) emphasized

on human rights in his last sermon. He stated Neither Arab has Superiority over non-Arabs nor Non-Arabs have Superiority over Arabs. Everyone is equal in the eyes of Allah.

6) Protection of Environment:-

Protection of environment is another distinct features of Islam. prophet (P.B.U.H) stated that planting green tree is the best charity. Further, he said that do not cut trees even in a war. In addition to this, he stated do not waste a single drop of water ~~when~~ even you are sitting at running sea.

7) Protection of Animal Rights:-

Islam gives importance to animal rights as well. Prophet (P.B.U.H) once remembered once person. The reason behind this is that his camel was thirsty.

8) "Own Financial System":-

The most distinct feature of Islam is its financial system from the other religions.

The reason behind this is that, Islam's financial system is free from interest and other religions system is based on interest.

This shows that the Islamic financial system is unique from rest of them.

→ Conclusion :-

In view of the above-mentioned arguments that the Deen Islam is ~~much~~ distinct from all other religions due to its features.